

**REMARKS**

The Notice of Non-Compliance was on the basis that not all of the claims were listed. In reply, a listing of claims 1-64, indicating that they have been canceled, is included on pages 2 of this Response. The amendments to the claims are otherwise identical to those submitted on December 18, 2003.

For the reasons stated in the December 18 response, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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